

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, July 10, 2001

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 10, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Larry D. Ferguson, Senior Pastor, Christ Church, Plymouth, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, Creator of the Universe, we come to You on behalf of this Nation and more particularly on behalf of the United States House of Representatives.

Lord, we come here for several reasons.

You said in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto Me and I will answer you."

We are calling unto You now, Lord.

You said in Your great book of wisdom, Proverbs, Chapter 3, Verses 5 and 6, "Lean not on your own understanding, acknowledge Me in all of your ways, and I will direct your paths."

Lord, we are acknowledging You right now.

Father, You said in Matthew, 7:7, "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Lord, we are asking, seeking and knocking right now.

Father, You are our Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, and we are looking unto You. We recognize that You have all wisdom, all power, and all understanding.

So, Father, as this House argues and debates important issues, when the vote is taken and the dust settles, we pray that the consensus will be Your will. We seek for Your will to be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

We pray, Lord, that when decisions have been made, that there will be a mutual respect and camaraderie between those that have taken different positions on each issue. And, Lord, after this day is completed, that somehow, You will be glorified and we and this Nation will be blessed.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the One that died on the Cross and rose again that we might have victory over sin and death. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BUYER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND LARRY D. FERGUSON, SENIOR PASTOR, CHRIST CHURCH, PLYM- OUTH, INDIANA

(Mr. BUYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, the opening prayer for today's House session has been given to us by Pastor Larry Ferguson. Pastor Ferguson ministers at Christ Church in Plymouth, of Marshall County, Indiana, where he has been a Senior Pastor for 6 years with his wife Kathy, and the Pastor's son Darin, and his wife Kathy, who is also in the United States Air Force and is present in the gallery today.

Pastor Ferguson preached his first sermon as a freshman in high school and later completed 4 years of training for the ministry at Cincinnati Bible Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since that time, he has been involved in providing spiritual nourishment to many. Whether it is in providing leadership as a principal to a Christian school, giving guidance to Christian churches who are struggling, or nurturing the health of marriages and families, Pastor Ferguson has been following the Biblical admonition to "heal the broken-hearted."

Pastor Ferguson has also used his talents to proclaim the Gospel through song and over the airwaves in Christian radio ministry.

For 35 years, Pastor Ferguson has been ministering, and he has touched more lives than he may ever know. I am thankful for his prayer today, and in his prayer I agree that in this House, we do quest for the greater understanding.

ALLOW HOUSE TO VOTE OPPOSING HOLDING OLYMPICS IN CHINA

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as probably one of the most bipartisan Members of this body, I call on the Republican leadership to allow this House to vote on whether the Olympics should be held in the Communist dictatorship of China.

Three months ago, with an overwhelming bipartisan vote, the House Committee on International Relations expressed itself against China holding the Olympics by approving H. Con. Res. 73. I am asking the Speaker and the majority leader no longer to bottle up our legislation and to allow the representatives of the American people to speak their minds on this issue.

Religion is persecuted, political freedom does not exist, media freedom does not exist, our airplane is forced down, our servicemen and women are held in captivity for 11 days; yet this body is not allowed to vote on whether the Olympics should be held in Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, allow us a vote.

TIME FOR GOVERNOR DAVIS TO TAKE A STAND

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the real cause of the rolling blackouts and out-of-control energy prices in California. Governor Davis and his big government cronies caused California's energy crisis through their backward and politically motivated approach to energy. Bowing to pressure from radical environmentalists and advice from his pollsters, Governor Davis increased regulation of the energy industry, thus prohibiting increased energy production and limiting modernization of infrastructure. The Davis approach is the wrong approach.

Now, in order to save his political future, Governor Davis has put political

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